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*Via U.S. and Electronic Mail*

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

**Correction to Data Submitted in Response to Public Solicitation of Water  
Quality Data and Information - 2004 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List**

In response to the public solicitation of water quality data and information by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) provided a package of relevant data on June 14, 2004. Upon further review of that data, an oversight was noticed. This letter is being sent to correct that oversight.

Specifically, in the presentation of available copper data for Coyote Creek, the figure, Figure D.4, presented a smaller scale than necessary to properly display all the sampling results. When the upper bound of the scale is increased, from 40 ug/L to 120 ug/L, there is one Districts' dry-weather sample (at 84 ug/L) that exceeds both the chronic and acute California Toxics Rule objective for copper. Thus, the statement in the Districts' previous submittal that of 83 receiving water samples, there were zero exceedances of the objective, was incorrect. Judging the data on the larger scale, there was actually one exceedance in the 83 dry-weather Districts' receiving water samples. A duplicate of the figure incorporating the larger scale is provided with this letter.

Despite this small oversight, the weight of evidence still suggests that copper concentrations are only a concern in Coyote Creek in wet-weather conditions. The appropriateness of listing an impairment that only exists in wet-weather is still in question. As was pointed out in the Districts' previous submittal, the temporal representation of the data is limited to wet-weather conditions and should not be used as the basis for an impairment. (Please refer to our June 14, 2004 data submittal for a full discussion.)

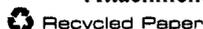
Once again, the Districts appreciate the opportunity to provide water quality data and information to the SWRCB, and apologize for any confusion caused by this oversight. The Districts request that this letter and the attached figure be filed as an attachment to our earlier submittal, dated June 14, 2004. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Heather Lamberson at (562) 699-7411, extension 2828.

Very truly yours,

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FIGURE D.4: Coyote Creek - LACSD & LADPW data for COPPER

